GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of large scale counterfeiting in computer accessories, automobile parts and accessories and the fast moving consumer goods sector have been reported recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study/survey has been conducted to assess the loss of revenue to the Government as a result of this counterfeiting;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to enact more stringent laws and deterrents to apprehend the culprits;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps being taken to check this menace in the intervening period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : No Sir. Government is not aware of any such report of large scale counterfeiting in computer accessories, automobile parts and accessories and the fast moving consumer goods sector.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : No Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) & (f): A Working Group set up by this Department on Counterfeit, Fake, Spurious and Contraband Products had made a number of recommendations which have been circulated to concerned Government Departments for appropriate action.

(g) : Legislations such as the Trade Marks Act, 1999, the Copyrights Act, 1957, the Patents Act, 1970, the Customs Act, 1962, the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986, the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, the Indian Penal Code, 1860 etc., contain provisions which can be invoked for prosecution / redressal on account of counterfeit, fake, spurious and contraband products.